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### **State Board of Education Approves New Multi-Year Contract for Boise State University Head Football Coach**

At their meeting in Pocatello today, the State Board of Education approved a new multi-year contract for Boise State University Head Football Coach Dan Hawkins. The Board, acting in its role as the Board of Trustees for BSU, extended Hawkins' tenure at BSU through January 31, 2008.

"This is an opportunity for a stable, long-term quality football program at Boise State," said Board Member Rod Lewis. "We want to thank the boosters of the BSU program," added Blake Hall, Board President. "Your commitment to this contract process recognizes that outside support is critical to ensure we have the resources to make our inter-collegiate athletic programs work," he continued.

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The contract provides for a base salary of \$141,750 from state funds. Private funds will provide additional incentives valued at over \$300,000. Contract incentives include media/public appearances, winning records, conference championships, bowl appearances, and increased ticket sales.

The contract also includes incentives for completion of academic performance goals by student athletes. These goals include GPA and graduation rates. A penalty is activated if Hawkins leaves his position before 2008.

In 2002, under Hawkins guidance, the BSU football team registered an 11-1 record, a WAC Conference championship, a 15<sup>th</sup> ranking in national football polls and a spot in the Humanitarian Bowl.

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